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Subject: NASJRB Willow Grove  
Environmental Investigations near Tinius Olsen

Dear Mr. Colter:

Thank you for providing me with the information regarding the Navy's investigations near the Tinius Olsen facility. I look forward to learning the results of the investigation at the September 10, 1997 Restoration Advisory Board Meeting.

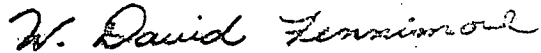
As you are probably aware, my client, Tinius Olsen Testing Machine Company, Inc. ("Tinius Olsen") has filed a claim with the Pennsylvania Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (the "UST Fund") in connection with a release of petroleum products (and MTBE in particular) from the Gas Star/JOT Fuel service station on Old Easton Road. It is our belief at this time, based on information currently available to us, that MTBE (and to a lesser extent benzene) detected in Tinius Olsen's water supply well result from the known release of these substances at the nearby Gas Star/JOT Fuel site. The UST Fund is processing a number of other claims related to the same release, although it is our understanding that those other claims all involve MTBE - contaminated groundwater on the east side of Old Easton Road.

To permit them to further process Tinius Olsen's claim, the Company has been asked by the UST Fund's consultant ICF Kaiser to confirm with you that the MTBE recently detected in the Tinius Olsen supply well is not caused by the MTBE-contaminated groundwater emanating from a release at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. Could you kindly confirm for me that there has not been a release of MTBE or MTBE-containing petroleum products at the Naval Air Station in the vicinity of the Tinius Olsen facility?

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If there has been such a spill or release, I would appreciate it if you would provide us with an information you may have (or direct us to information sources within the public record) pertaining to MTBE in groundwater at NASJRB Willow Grove.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. David Fennimore".

W. David Fennimore, P.G.  
Vice President/Senior Hydrogeologist

cc: B. Tait, Jr. - Tinius Olsen  
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